

## **Summary**

Claims 1-15 were pending. Claim 1 was rewritten and Claims 16-23 added. No new matter was added by this amendment.

## **Claim Rejections**

Claims 1, 5, and 15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Ohwada (U.S. Patent 6,692,134). Claims 2-4 and 6-14 were objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten to incorporate the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicant has rewritten Claim 1 to incorporate the allowable elements of Claims 2 and 3. Applicant has added Claims 16-23, which incorporate the elements of the objected to claims.

## **Conclusion**

Applicant respectfully submits that the application is in condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned in the event that a telephone interview would expedite consideration of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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